

ABSTRACT

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING  
TRUSTED TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN BUSINESSES

(Fig. 5)

5           In an e-commerce system, on-line guarantees of party  
identity or other parameters can be obtained from banks  
acting as guarantors. A signed message is sent from a  
sending party to an intermediate service provider. The  
intermediate party obtains the identity of the receiver  
10 guarantor from the receiving party and the obtaining  
guarantees from both the sending and receiving party  
guarantors. The guaranteed message is then sent to the  
receiving party who replies with a receipt which is sent  
from the intermediate party to the sending party as a  
15 guaranteed receipt.